

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

In particular, with respect to the catalyst of producing acetic acid from ethylene and oxygen through one stage, for example, a liquid phase one-stage oxidation process using an oxidation-reduction catalyst comprising a metal ion pair such as palladium-cobalt and palladium-iron (see, Patent Document 1 (French Patent No. 1,448,361)), a process using a catalyst comprising a palladium-phosphoric acid or a sulfur-containing modifying agent (Patent Document 2 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 47-013221) and Patent Document 3 (Kokai No. 51-029425)), and a gas phase one-stage oxidation process using a catalyst comprising a 3 group-type oxygen compound (see, Patent Document 4 (~~Kokoku~~~~Kokai~~ No. 46-006763)) have been proposed.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 5 (line 4 of page 5) with the following amended paragraph:

[Patent Document 4] ~~Kokoku~~~~Kokai~~ No. 46-006763